

# Tony Just Misses A Scoring Record For Wanderers

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Wycombe Wanderers 3, Maidenhead United 1.

**S**O near yet so far away from a record was how inside-right Tony Horseman found himself when Wycombe Wanderers met Maidenhead United for a return match in the Wycombe Floodlight Cup competition on Tuesday night.

For Tony could have created a new club record by becoming the only player to have scored 50 goals for the Wanderers by February. His tally was 47 when he stepped onto the firm turf of Loakes Park on Tuesday night—and a frustrating 49 when the final whistle blew.

Had it not been for the dogged work of Maidenhead's defence and the laudable efforts of their hastily re-arranged forward line, there is little doubt Tony would have reached his half-century.

Paul Bates made his come-back—after missing five games through an injury sustained in training—on the right-wing. His old position of centre-forward was filled by Viv Busby, one of three reserve players included in Tuesday's team. The other two were left-back Brian French and centre-half Vic Faulkner. All three gave a competent display.

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The game started off on an exciting note, when Tony Horseman scored from a penalty in the first minute, but the expectations of the Wycombe crowd—to see a

goal-glut and evidence of renewed cohesion among the home side—were only partially fulfilled.

The Wanderers waited for 30 minutes before they took advantage of the shaken visitors when Paul Bates slipped the ball through for Tony Horseman to score. The move was tardy and Maidenhead's reaction to the attack was slow but it got the goal and spurred the visitors on to reduce the arrears, through outside-left Terry Wise just before half-time.

Action in the second-half was confined to the mid-field, with neither team making very much impression. Wycombe scored their third goal, through Busby in the 62nd minute and after that it was only a handful of players who justified the support of the spectators.

Among these were left-winger Les Merrick, who made some good moves and engineered Busby's goal, inside-right Keith Samuels, steady as always, and left-back Brian French.

Centre-forward Joe Oakley, and centre-half Brian Pitts played well for Maidenhead, but all in all Wycombe made pretty hard work of beating their Thames-side visitors.